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Message from Chairperson Alumni Committee



Building Alumni Relations



Dear Alumnus,

Greetings ! Wishing You all a very Happy New Year .

As you go through the alumni pages I am sure it will refresh your memory about the days you spent at IMT as a student. The aim of Alumni Association is to provide opportunities for alumni to stay connected with their alma mater.

Alumni play significant role in the growth of the institute and reflect the image of the institute in various walks of life . This issue of the newsletter is in continuation of the long felt need for sharing and disseminating news/views across the IMT community - alumni, students and faculty.

As a part of the on-going effort to bring our alumni community closer together we are introducing a Mentorship Program, about which you will get to read in the coming pages. We request you to be a part of our efforts to get closer to you.

We at IMT are always looking for new ideas and suggestions for improvement.

Please feel free to send your suggestions and contributions to me at :

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Happy Reading

- Dr. Vimi Jham.

Major Highlights - Events

Academic Year 2012-13



Alumni Meet 2012

8th December 2012, Dubai Campus

Meeting your classmates in the same setting of your classroom brings back sweet memories.

Such memories were brought back to life when the alumni of the Ghaziabad and Dubai on a pleasant Saturday evening at IMT Dubai. The registrations started at 5.30 PM. Proceeding with the registrations the alumni soon started to move and gather in the Hall which reverberated with greetings and laughter of batch mates meeting each other after long time.

The Lamp Lighting Ceremony marked the start of the event. The honor was done by the Director of IMT Dubai, Dr. Janakiraman Moorthy, Guest speaker, Ted Totsidis, Dr. Vimi, Dr. Roy and the alumni and formally the meet was initiated.

This was followed by a welcome speech by Dr. Vimi Jham, Head of Alumni Relations and an address by the Director inviting the alumni to actively participate with the various college activities.

A presentation that brought back old memories for the alumni was shown. It reminded them of their days in the campus. The recent happenings and changes in the campus were shown to them.



The guest speaker Ted Totsidis, Digital Director at T2, a Digital Media Agency interacted with all about The Social trends in the MENA region.

It was the alumni's evening. The most important session of the whole event then took place. The alumni were invited to share their experience and their suggestions for IMT. Alumni excitedly shared their own experiences about the work scenario in the Middle East and



how the current students can improve their skills to excel. The words of wisdom were also shared by the faculty members with alumni. The Program concluded with a vote

of thanks by Dr. Santanu Roy, who expressed his happiness at seeing so many alumni gathering and sharing their experiences with us. He appreciated and congratulated all the people involved in organising the event and making it a big success.

The night came to a great finish with a sumptuous dinner and lots of chit chatter amongst the current students and the alumni in the college canteen. We look forward to more such gatherings in the coming future!!!!!!

EMAX Big Idea Mind Games 2012

14th December 2012, Dubai Campus

IMT hosts EMAX Big Idea Mind Game on the 13th and 14th of December 2012. Students from several schools and universities **in the** had participated in the event. There were more than **600 participants competitions** including Just a Minute, Debate, Elocution, Painting and Collage etc.



Major Highlights

Academic Year 2012-13



The students of IMT Dubai were an integral part of the organizing committee and were responsible for managing the flow of the event. This event was a great learning experience for them.



The participants and spectators were very enthusiastic and acknowledged that they enjoyed the event. **The** expressed their wish to be back again for the same soon.

Alumni Pep Talk

13th January 2013, Dubai Campus

The Office of Career Services, organized a Pep Talk for our Students in the MBA and DCP Program on Thursday, **10th** Jan. The objective of this Pep Talk was to prepare students for their upcoming Internships and Company Projects. The Pep Talk was conducted by Mr. Sorabh Sood, Relationship Manager at First Gulf Bank, Dubai and Mr. Gaurav Jaiswal, Sales Manager at Alreyami Group, Dubai.

The added advantage for the students was that both of the Invited guests were also alumni from the MBA Program at IMT Dubai and were thus **Able** to relate to student anxieties and concerns.



Mr. Sorabh talked about his experience of working in the Financial sector in Dubai and his views with regard to the local economic **Scenario** and its impact on job opportunities, while Mr. Gaurav spoke about the **Need** for students to network and take initiatives for their own career Development.

The Pep Talk was well received by the students and they

had a lot of their concerns regarding Internships and Company Projects resolved.

The Internship is a 8 Weeks Credit Course for both MBA and DCP Students. DCP Students will be Undergoing Internships from April-May'13 while MBA students are required to Undergo internship from May-June'13. `



Student Mentorship Program

If the role model's message is "Be like me," the mentor's implicit message says: "I will help you be whoever you want to be."

The recently held Alumni meet at IMT, Dubai on **7th** December 2012, opened new avenues of getting the alumni closely involved with their college. One such endeavor that was undertaken by the alumni is the mentorship program.

Mentoring as such differs from traditional forms of student teacher advising; here each student's mentor is solely devoted to that individual's well-being. The mentor becomes familiar with all aspects of the student's college career, from academic progress to employment goals. The mentor then uses his or her individual expertise to guide the student in the myriad of choices facing students as they navigate through college experience.

The alumni can be a very helpful resource for budding IMT'ians. Each group of 5 students would be assigned an alumnus as a mentor. Students participating in this part of the Mentor Program are matched with a mentor whose background and experience align with the student's interests and goals. They will then be able to exchange ideas and

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address academic concerns with their respective mentors. The mentors and mentees would have at least 4 meetings in an academic year and can hold meetings on weekends based on the convenience of the mentors. In cases where they are unable to meet personally, they can communicate with one another through e-mail and internet, which is usually referred to as e-mentoring.

In addition to the meetings, the students will get an opportunity to visit the mentors company and pick up learning's from their business environment. The agenda will consist of a company tour, a meeting with other executives from the company, work on a case study, discussion of career paths and opportunities in your industry, and a question and answer session.

Thus alumni have to take an initiative in driving such a program in order to bring about a revolutionary change in the history of IMT Dubai. Such a program not only stands to benefit the students, but also gives the alumni a chance to renew and maintain their relationship with IMT.

"A mentor is someone who sees more talent and ability within you, than you see in yourself, and helps bring it out of you."

Interview

Sugandha Prashar

Alumni, IMT Dubai, Batch abc-123

Why IMT Dubai?

IMT Dubai has been a wonderful experience. Its one of those which I would definitely cherish for a lifetime. Even though IMT Dubai happened to me by sheer chance, I think I stepped towards it mainly because of IMT Ghaziabad's brand name. Also Dubai being the city which strikes an ideal balance between the traditional world and contemporary world, I would say that IMT Dubai gives the opportunity to enjoy the best of both the worlds. It has given me an opportunity to explore my life with a whole new perspective.

What are you doing at Present? (Gulf Petrochem and Life after that?)

I got the opportunity to intern with Gulf Petrochem in the 4th semester of my MBA through on-campus selection. I was soon given a Pre Placement Offer and so immediately after **my MBA finished, started my first job**. Within weeks of giving interviews for placements, I was sitting on the other side- taking interviews. The sole responsibility of HR came onto me and the most important thing I learnt was to deal with different people and understand office dynamics. My first job gave me a lot of confidence about my work and I understood a whole new side of me and realized my strengths and weaknesses.

I think I got a very good start and after this I got the opportunity to work with Hamptons International, a company owned by Emaar Properties. I would say that this was where I got the real exposure to the cosmopolitan culture of Dubai. Life did change completely from IMT to corporate and so did choices. However its a transition that comes in everyone's life and I enjoyed it. Currently I am back to Chandigarh and looking for a suitable role keeping in mind my experience.

What is the Scenario for HR in Dubai? Are there enough Opportunities?

HR in Dubai is still very underutilized and is somewhat administrative in nature. But lately a lot of companies are becoming aware of the need of a proper HR processes and systems and with this increasing awareness, the scope of HR is increasing. The key to getting a job in HR is networking and also through recruitment consultancies which are in abundance in Dubai. The recruitment trends suggest that most of the recruitment is done through either consultants or through various websites like Dubble, Gulf News and Bayt.

Campus Life in IMT-Dubai?

IMT Dubai has one of the largest campuses in Dubai with one of the very few that provisions classrooms and residen-

Alumni Experience

Life at IMT



cies in the same compound. The hostel for boys and girls is separate as per the UAE law and our college is very strict about it. IMT Dubai campus provides with the best of facilities to its students with everything provided to us- air conditioned rooms, cleaners, water, food etc. We had a canteen on campus and a common room with TV and various table games. Each floor of the 4 hostel buildings had its own washing machine, dryer and microwave.

A lot of activities happen from time to time thanks to initiatives by the various committees like ECAC, Sports committee etc and the active participation by the students. One of the events that we all looked forward to was the Vaudeville, an inter college event which happens every year and displays the talent of our students. Also a lot of sports competitions added zing to the hectic MBA schedule.

IMT campus is like a small family and together we celebrate festivals like Diwali, Holi with a lot of fervour with each of the students and faculty put forward the best of their talents.

Most Memorable moments from Hostel Life

It would be very hard for me to categorise my stay from 'most' to 'least' memorable. It was a first time for me, away from home and so my stay is something that would be very special to me. I remember the bit of sitting outside the hostel and chit chatting with friends, having maggi at 2am, watching the sunrise with friends and the tension in the air during exams time.

I can sum up my experience at IMT as "A memory that is left when something amazing that happened and would never completely unhappen"

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